MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): My point is whether the examination of the question of increasing the pay of the Police Constables is over?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Various aspects of the question have to be considered and it is not a small matter. A large expenditure has to be incurred and many matters have to be gone into before the Government can come to a conclusion.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I have a rough idea of the time that will be wanted by the Government for considering this question?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

The Chief Engineer's Visits in North and Central Travancore.

193. **MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the taluks in North and Central Travancore visited by the Chief Engineer after the last Budget Session of the Council was over and the new works, if any, he has recommended to the Government after his visit;

(*b*) whether he visited the taluk of Minachil after the last Council;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer proposes to visit the taluk and for taking necessary action to improve and develop the means of communication in the taluk, in the light of the several applications and representations made by the people and their representatives of the taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Devicolam, Ambalapuzha, Shertallai, Vaikom, Kottayam, Changanacherry, Peermade, Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Minachil taluks. No new schemes have yet been formulated.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

(*d*) He has already visited the taluk and discussed the matter with the Division Officer and some of the representatives of the people and has left instructions with the former for conducting the necessary investigation.

Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. Puduval's Letter to the Co-operative Inspector.

194 **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the letter written by Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. Puduval while at Kottayam to a Co-operative Inspector and referred to by Mr. Van Ross during the last Budget discussion of the Council (Council Proceedings, Vol. XI, No. 3 page 222)?

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